

NOTICE OF STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Bureau of Land Management

Wildfire danger is very high in some parts of Idaho. Therefore, pursuant to Title 43 CFR 9200, subpart 9212.2, agency administrators for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have instituted **Stage II Fire Restrictions on BLM lands within the Payette, Grangeville Zone 1 and Coeur d'Alene Fire Restrictions Areas. Stage I Fire Restrictions on BLM lands within Grangeville Zone 2 lands. This area includes the following public lands:**

Stage II:

All State, BLM, and U.S. Forest Service managed lands within the Coeur d'Alene Restriction Area - All Zones; Grangeville Restriction Area - Zone 1; and Payette Fire Restriction Area - Zone 4.

- **Coeur d'Alene Fire Restrictions Area, All Zones:** All public lands located in Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, and Latah Counties.
- **Grangeville Fire Restrictions Area, Zone 1:** All of Idaho County that excludes National Forest System (NFS) lands with the exception of NFS lands west of the Salmon River. All of Nez Perce, Lewis Counties, and all of Clearwater County that is west of the Clearwater NF boundary. The portion of Adams County that contains the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.
- **Payette Fire Restrictions Area, Zone 4 ONLY:** All state, private, and BLM managed land (except that located within National Forest System boundaries) south of the main Salmon River to Smokey Boulder road (see map for more detail).

Stage I:

All State, BLM, and U.S. Forest Service managed lands within the Grangeville Restriction Area - Zone 2.

- **Grangeville Fire Restrictions Area, Zone 2:** Those portions of Idaho County that are north of the Salmon River (east of Riggins), and are not federal lands designated as wilderness..

For a detailed map, visit: <http://idahofireinfo.blogspot.com/p/fire-restrictions.html>

STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS:

The following acts are prohibited until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a designated recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable

materials.

3. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails in accordance with existing travel management plans.
4. **The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.** A patrol is required for one hour following cessation of all work as described in a, b, and c below.
 - a. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding processing, road building and woodcutting during industrial operations or fire wood gathering.
 - b. Blasting, welding, or other activities that generate flame or flammable material.
 - c. Using an explosive.

Exemptions

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire or stove fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels. Such devices, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.
3. Persons using stove fires with a chimney of at least five (5) feet in length and employing a spark arrester with a maximum mesh screen opening of ¼ inch on federal lands designated as the Franck Church River of No Return, Gospel Hump or Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Areas.
4. Persons using metal fire pans* (see definition) within ¼ mile of:
 - a. The Salmon River from the Corn Creek launch site to its mouth at the Snake River.
 - b. The Middle Fork of the Salmon River.
 - c. The Selway River from the Paradise boat launch to Race creek.
 - d. The Snake River from Hells Canyon Dam to the City of Lewiston***Pack-out of ashes is required.**
5. Persons using a generator with an approved spark arrester on areas that are cleared of all flammable materials within three feet of the generator.
6. Log loading and hauling only – from landings and existing roads and only on non-federal lands.
7. Private landowners using charcoal (disposed of properly) or propane barbecues on their own lands.
8. Crop lands.
9. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads as per attached conditions in Stage II Exemptions for Public Utilities and Railroads, Appendix 10.
10. Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.
11. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
12. All land within a city boundary.

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICIONS:

The following acts are prohibited until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire except within a designated recreation site, or on their own land, and only within an owner-provided fire structure (see Definitions).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or designated recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.


Exemptions

The following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels. Such devises, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.
3. Persons using metal fire pans* (see definition Exhibit A) within ¼ mile of:
 - a. The Salmon River from the Corn Creek launch site to its mouth at the Snake River.
 - b. The Middle Fork of the Salmon River.
 - c. The Selway River from the Paradise boat launch to Race Creek.
 - d. The Snake River from Hells Canyon Dam to the City of Lewiston.***Pack-out of ashes is required.**
4. Private landowners using charcoal (disposed of properly) or propane barbecues on their own lands.
5. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
6. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.
7. All land within a city boundary.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These restrictions shall be in full force and effect starting at **11:59 PM, July 28, 2015, and will remain in effect until rescinded.**

Dated this 28th day of July, 2015.

for 

Timothy M. Murphy
BLM Idaho State Director

Violation of the above prohibited acts is punishable by fine of not more than \$1000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 12 months (Title 18 USC 1856, Title 43 USC 1701, Title 439212.4, and or appropriate State laws).

DEFINITIONS

Stage I Fire Restrictions

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: That person vested with the overall responsibility and authority for an agency at an administrative unit. These individuals may include BIA Superintendents, Forest Supervisors, State Lands Area Supervisors, and BLM District Managers. Agency Administrators at the Geographical Area Level would include the Regional Forester, BLM State Director, and the Director of the Idaho Dept. of Lands.

CAMPFIRE: A fire, not within any building, mobile home, or living accommodation mounted on a vehicle, which is used for cooking, branding, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial, or aesthetic purposes. Campfires are open fires, usually built on the ground, from native fuels or charcoal, including charcoal grills.

CHAINSAW: A saw powered by an internal combustion engine, with cutting teeth linked in an endless chain.

CLOSURE: The closing of an area to entry or use.

DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS: Those roads and trails that are identified on maps regularly provided to the public by Land Management agencies.

DESIGNATED RECREATION SITE: A recreation area that has been improved and designated by sign as a privately owned commercial campground, tribal, or agency-owned campground, picnic area, or trail head.

FIRE STRUCTURE: A metal or concrete improvement specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire provided by the agency or campground owner. This does not include a metal fire pan as defined below.

METAL FIRE PAN: A metal fire pan with sides at least three inches high with a metal grate on top.

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT: Any equipment or vehicle propelled by an internal combustion engine.

OWNER PROVIDED STRUCTURE – A permanent fire ring/structure that is installed and maintained by the agency having administrative control or the individual who has ownership rights of the property.

PATROL: One or more people who will travel through a work site checking for and reporting fires discovered adjacent to and within the work site.

PERMIT: A written document issued by an authorized agency representative to specifically authorize an otherwise prohibited act.

RESTRICTION: A limitation on an activity or use.

STOVE FIRE: A fire built inside a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove, outfitted with a chimney of at least five (5) feet in length, employing a spark arrester with a maximum mesh screen opening of ¼ inch (for the purposes of Stage II Restrictions, stove fires fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels are within exemption #2, and do not require a chimney or spark arrester).